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First Visit, November ???

Robert opened with "I know who you are. And he said that I know everything about you, very scarscatically..I asked him who he was working for...and he said I am not with NXIVM or Keith....and I am not with the Bronfmans and I am from someone completely different...and I said I am not talking to you and I asked who his client was againand he said its' confidential....and then he said....I will tell you this much...my client is a private one from California...he is an attorney...and I said...what...is it the Bronfmans attorney? And he didn't answer.he said I'm here to help you. He came off incredibly like an official kind of investigator....that she was involved in this conspiracy...when I asked him for his ID....he showed me but when I reached for it to look at it closer he grabbed it out of my hands....then the woman he was with showed me hers at a distance out of her pocket instead...and he was saying...that " I was the ring leader and Barbara has given you a lot of money"...and he said..."I mean a lot of money"...and I said I am not aware of that...and he repeated it again...he threw out a number likedidn't she give you recently \$20,000 or \$40,000?...and I said I don't know what she gave me....and he wanted to know why you were coming to me...and I said I don't remember...and I said I am a minister and I can't give you any confidential information....and he said....oh...so now you are going to tell me you are a minister...and I said yes...and started asking me like...when, how, where, etc. were you a minister? I told him I have been a minister from Connecticut since 1974 and that I opened a church in NY State and I can prove it...and then he dropped that and I think he assumed it was true. Then he said to me 'we can do this the hard way or the easy way' 'the hard way is that I can have you arrested now, we will bring you into a law suit and I basically said 'do what you want'. He said that I know she has brought a lot of her friends to you and that she also had a meeting in her living room and that he knows what was said that who was there. He said that I read the email and gave Barbara approval to send it, and I said that you are wrong. Barbara read it out loud and is really none of my business and the only thing that I remember saying is that know what you are doing before you press that send button. He said I know all about Lake George...that Barbara had paid for the whole thing...and I said I don't know about that or have any clue....he said we even know who was there...and I said I don't know what you are talking about...I think he was trying to give me details to lead me to believe he knew everything and I should just talk. He said I know everything about you....everything...with a certain look on his face...and I said ...well that is good....he felt very intimating to me when he said that...and I felt from the onset that things were inaccurate, intimidating and he was fishing and he had nothing substantial. He said that I have talked to a lot of people and I got all the information....alluding to me to not avoid answering cause I know everythingand I said ...that's good....and he said I know everything...I know how many times barbara has come to see you and how much money she spent and she sent all of her friends to you and you are the big ring leader...and alluding that I am like some kind of a stud...and I laughed and said I am 70 years old...you got to be kidding me...and I looked at the girl and said...are you guys for real...and he saidwell I want to know what your charm is.and told him I am on nine medications and I don't remember everything....and he said....Oh...so now you are under Doctor supervision, huh?...and I said I was...and he said....Oh...you don't remember...he said a lot of things that were intimidating and he was acting more like he was some kind of criminal investigator. "Once I let him in the house, he got very specific about his questions 1) Do I know a man named Uri? And I said I don't know him, but I don't understand what you are asking me.... she started shaking cause she was cold because I wouldn't let them in my house and I then let her in the house to get warm....he was a real snoop and starting looking around at everything and I recognized what he was doing....he tried to make you out to be a criminal and that the whole thing was coming down on you and this was the impression he gave me with his words....somehow I had mentioned Keith's name....and he said that the Bronfmans had nothing to do with Keith....and he said...well you know Barbara is a bad person....and he started telling me that about the California deal...and misappropriation of funds out there...and things like that.

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Then, he went back again to...are you aware that Barbara misappropriated funds? Andand I asked him what are you looking for...and he started saying that Barbara is not a nice person...and that Barbara was manipulative and they have all kinds of evidence....and I then recognized it was all about Barbara and nothing about Keith....as soon as he started saying this whole thing about Barbara I knew it was their focus....and he was saying I would be drawn into this whole thing....and that Barbara was the ring leader...and he knew we had a big meeting at her house and that I was responsible for the letter and the email sent....and I told him he was absolutely wrong. He said he had signed affidavits from members of the group...and that we had another meeting and he had accurate information that Barbara is the ring leader...and he had a signed affidavit from one of Barbara's secretaries....he was very intimidating...he said...Barbara is not such a nice person...alluding he was more like a detective and that there were these criminal charges against Barbara..when he said this it was said with hostility...it was obvious that he was after Barbara as a specific person and he was trying to tell me of the 40 million or so she misappropriated....it seemed he was fishing for numbers...and I said what 40 million...and he attached it to Barbara and said that she was responsible for that, too, and also about her breach of the Bronfman's confidentiality....he asked me have you ever been in Barbara's presence with the confidential information of the Bronfmans? And I said no....he said how does she pay you...and I said I don't remember..sometimes with a check and sometimes with cash...and he said did you know that she ran all of these out of her business account....and I said I don't have any idea what she does....he was incredibly hostile...trying to allude to me that you were involved in something very criminal...and that was the impression I got when he was talking....and the girl was just like his good cop bad cop....."at no time did he ask my permission to record this session and at no time did he reveal to me that he was recording this session and that all time he was telling me that if I was to cooperate that I would not be brought into this..

He asked me about tapes....I said I don't know....he said ...don't you give Barbara tapes...and I said that I do sometimes....I said I gave one to Nancy, and one to Kristin and others...and he said...well where were all the tapes then? And I said I don't know where they are....then he said that there was a box of Bronfman's stuff in the garage and that he knew they were all over the floor and on the sofa and that I was there....and I said you are wrong...I don't know what you are talking about.

He said I am going to ask you one question and if you don't answer me...I am going either going to have you locked up or drag you into court...so he asked the question....and I said I don't know what you are talking about...and he told me I was either very shrewd or that I was a good liar...and I said I am not a good liar and I am not shrewd and I don't know what you are talking about....and I told him...I am ~~70~~ years old...so go ahead...I would love to go to a deposition...so do it.

He was pretty scary in his approach....he was basically telling me if you don't tell me what I want to know...that I was going to go to jail, and he comes off like some sort of an authority....and he said I have the power to put you in jail right now. He insinuated that he was going to get an arrest warrant and put me in jail right now. He did not have photo id nor fingerprint on his CA investigative card and I thought that from the beginning that it was fraudulent.

This was intimidation....he stepped over the line in my opinion...to a novice this man would have scared the wits out of you....he comes off pretty serious.

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Second Visit November 25, 2009:

He was knocking on the door a long time....I was in the bathroom and didn't hear it....and when I got out of bathroom....my friend told me he was back and outside the door....so he was sitting outside my house in his carI didn't want to avoid him cause I had house guests...I went outside on the porch because I wasn't going to let him in my house....When he came up on the porch, I said that I googled him and there is a lot of bad stuff on the web about him...and he said there was a lot of good stuff like CNN and 48 hours...and I said I don't know that I only saw the bad stuff....then he sighed....and then the girl said did you google me...and I said no. That seemed to get him really upset. He said if you sign this document, you will not be dragged into this and I said that I'm not signing anything without my attorney reading it. And he said who is your attorney..and I said that I don't have one, but if I need one I'll get one.

I don't know anything about Barbara's business and that I had nothing to do with your business.....I said I don't know anything and do anything with her business...then he said ...that is not according to what the girl said who use to work for Barbara....she said that she got dismissed based on what you said about letting her go....I answered that is not true...he said...Barbara is the ring leader....she does not make any decisions in her life without consulting you....he said he knows that she was down here yesterday with people from out of town...and I said that is not true....he said that he doesn't want to bring me into court...and if I would just sign the document he would go away....i had the telephone in my pocket and I must have hit it by mistake cause it went on...and he said...oh, is that barbara listening to everything we are saying....and I said ...you must be paranoid and showed him how I accidentally hit the phone....and then there was a car at the mailbox and he started to wave to her....so he thought I must have somehow gave the car a signal and that the car was coming up to take a picture of us....and I said....then he started to walk to the car and he said ...you are sure you don't want to sign...and I said I am not signing nothing.

11/30/09

The above statement is accurate to the best of my recollection.

Robert Petro
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Sworn to before me
This 30th day of November 2009.

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